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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
YUAN SHAO) : Examiner: Michael N. Opsasnick
Application No.: 09/898,776) : Group Art Unit: 2655
Filed: July 3, 2001) : Allowed: October 12, 2005
For: SPEECH PROCESSING APPARATUS) : Confirmation No.: 2844
AND METHOD EMPLOYING)
MATCHING AND CONFIDENCE SCORES)
(As Amended) : December 6, 2005

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COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Sir:

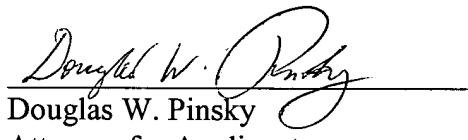
The Notice of Allowability mailed on October 12, 2005 included, as an attachment, a statement of reasons for allowance.

However, not all of the features cited by the Examiner accurately reflect what is recited in the independent claims. For example, the independent claims do not recite “multilevel probability scores calculated to first calculate a value measuring the quality of a match, and then using that score to generate a second calculated score, including a posterior probability score for the correctly matched word model.” In addition, it is noted that Claims

21, 22 and 24-26 depend from method Claim 20 and do not incorporate the claim limitations of apparatus Claim 1. Nevertheless, Applicant respectfully submits that each of the pending claims is allowable for its combination of claimed features.

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